

butterflies was greatly simplified since the publication in 1975 of Mr. Wickham Fleming's very fine two volumes on "The Butterflies of West Malaysia and Singapore", both admirably illustrating in colour most of the thousand species already recorded in that large region. But I have thought it advisable on this occasion not to add a complete list of the some 200 species of lepidoptera we saw, owing to the large amount of additional print space it would occupy. In the text I have enumerated the principal species. In all, we noted 17 Papilionidae, 14 Pieridae, 10 Danaidae, 7 Satyridae, 3 Amathusiidae, 23 Nymphalidae, 2 Riodinidae, at least 40 Lycaenidae, and some 25 Hesperidae.

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THE GRIZZLED SKIPPER (*Pyrgus malvae* L.) ON THE ISLE OF SHEPPEY, KENT. — I am pleased to be able to report that for the last three years I have found specimens of *Pyrgus malvae* Linn. at Minster, on the Isle of Sheppey (OS: 51/94-73-). I note from Mr. Chalmers-Hunt's *Butterflies and Moths of Kent*, Vol. 1 that he found only one record of this butterfly for the island and that he considered it doubtful that it was still present. Similarly, *The Provisional Distribution Maps*, issued by the Biological Records Centre in 1975, show no records in this area at all.

As I have taken it consistently, it would appear to be fairly well established, on rough open ground about 250 yards from the sea. I have taken only small numbers each year, but over an area almost half a mile in depth, between April and early June. Because of its scarcity, I have released all except one of my captures—having kept the first, which was in fact taken by my then eight-year-old daughter, who came home one day and described seeing it sitting on some tall grass. She gave quite an accurate description, and I did not believe her. So she went back and caught it!

I have no knowledge of it elsewhere on the island, although one would think its likely range would extend eastwards along the cliffs. I certainly hope this is the case, as building development is encroaching apace. — GEOFFREY N. BURTON, "Mar-y-Mar", Minster Drive, Minster-in-Sheppey, Kent, ME12 2NG.

HYLES LINEATA LIVORNICA ESPER (STRIPED HAWK-MOTH) AND ABRAXAS SYLVATA SCOPOLI (CLOUDED MAGPIE) ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT. — On the night of 27th June, 1976, which was particularly mild, at about 11 p.m. a male specimen of *H.l. livornica* was seen flying around my m.v. trap. I duly netted it to find that one antenna was missing and one forewing was slightly damaged. On the same night I took a fresh specimen of *A. sylvata*. — PETER J. CRAMP, Stone Cross Cottage, Godshill, I.o.W.